

# LIFE WILDIsland - The Danube Wild Island Habitat Corridor

## PROJECT LOCATION:

Danube-wide (8 Danube countries)

## BUDGET INFO:

Total amount: 14.2 Mio €

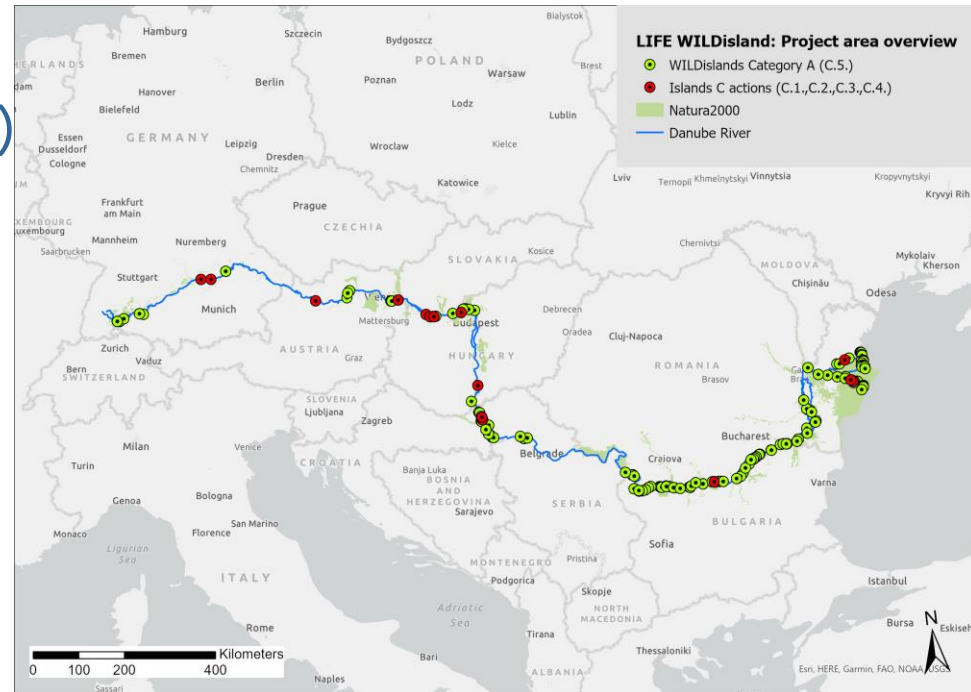
EC Co-funding: 64 %

DURATION: 01/09/21 - 31/08/27

## PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTORS:

Coordinating Beneficiary: Donau-Auen National Park (Austria)

Associated Beneficiaries: in total, 14 Danube Protected Areas, waterway administrations, forest enterprises, hydropower



## OBJECTIVES & SCOPE

- *Improved **conservation** for Danube islands as core sites for 91E0\* alluvial softwood forests*
- ***Restoration measures** for Danube islands as flagship sites for river dynamics and morphology*
- *Cross-sector cooperation*
- *Establishing the Danube Wild Island Habitat Corridor as **best-practice EU Green and Blue Infrastructure***

# EXPECTED IMPACTS

- *34 Danube islands restored (1,267 ha)*
- *Restoration of water bodies (>48 km)*
- *Forest restoration of 91E0\* (352 ha, 12 sites)*
- *Danube-wide conservation concept for WILDIslands (coherent management for 147 islands on 14,018 ha; new strictly reserves on 196,7 ha)*



# SUSTAINABILITY (CONTINUATION and REPLICATION)

- *Strategic Danube-wide partnership (DANUBEPARKS Network)*
- *"Let the river do the work"*
- *Cross-sector approach*
- *Best practice for other large rivers in Europe (cooperation with Rhine, Sava ...)*
- *Anchoring on policy level (EU Green Infrastructure, ICPDR, Ramsar, IUCN)*